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Inside a 10 year tradition: **Middle States Accreditation -- what's it all about?**

Every 10 years, educational institutions must go through *Middle States Accreditation*, and Manor is no exception. With our 10 years up in 1997, and our self-study currently underway, here is a look at what Middle States Accreditation is really all about.

According to the Commission on Higher Education's handbook, *Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education -- standards for accreditation*, Middle States Accreditation is an expression of confidence in an institution's mission and goals, its performance and its resources. Based upon the results of an institutional self-study and an evaluation by a team of peers and colleagues assigned by the Commission, accreditation attests the judgement of the Commission that an institution has met the following criteria:

- that it is guided by well-defined and appropriate goals;
- that it has established conditions and procedures under which its goals can be realized;
- that it is accomplishing its goals substantially;
- that it is so organized, staffed and supported that it can be expected to continue to accomplish its goals; and
- that it meets the standards of the Middle States Association's Commission on Higher Education.

The Accreditation Process

The accreditation process is a self-study process, whereby an institution, Manor in this case, evaluates itself and makes commendations about its strengths and recommendations regarding its weaknesses.

The institution determines if its mission and goals are still suited to the community it serves, if the institution is living up to its mission and goals and if it has the resources to continue.

To this end, a Steering Committee is formed which divides the self-study into areas of study addressing the major aspects of the college, i.e. student life, faculty and curriculum. Work groups, made up of students, faculty, administrators, board members and staff, are formed to evaluate an assigned area.

After receiving a comprehensive report from each work group, the Steering Committee, which evaluates and edits each report, forms one all encompassing report and makes it available to the college community, inviting everyone to read and comment on it before it is submitted to the Commission on Higher Education for evaluation.

Then, a team of evaluators from the Commission comes on campus to determine if the report is indeed an honest self-study, conducting on-site interviews, examining data, and analyzing programs, functions and activities.

The Commission makes its commendations and recommendations and the institution is given the opportunity to respond to the Commissions evaluation, at which time accreditation status is determined.

The self-study process takes approximately 18 months and involves every aspect of the college community. It is not intended to end with the team visit, but should become an ongoing process with periodic reviews to determine if the college is vibrant and healthy and fulfilling its mission and goals.

Benefits of Self-Study

Self-study is an analysis by its own members of an institution's educational capability and effectiveness. It is the most important part of the Middle States evaluation procedure for the institution.

The undertaking of a well-planned and clearly focused self-study should result in a common effort to assess and to improve the institution. The fact that an evaluation team visit is to follow gives the self-study added impetus, but the views of the visiting team should, ideally, merely sharpen its impact or corroborate its findings.

Through the process of self-study, an institution mobilizes its various constituencies to reflect on the mission, goals and effectiveness of the institution, to examine its strengths as well as its weaknesses and, where problems or opportunities are identified, to begin working toward their solution or fulfillment. ●

Meet our **Steering Committee Coordinator**

Jane Zegestowsky, Math Coordinator at Manor, is bravely serving as Coordinator of our Middle States Steering Committee.

Q: *What role do you play as the Steering Committee Coordinator?*
A: *"As the facilitator of the Committee, I keep communications flowing between the different departments and see that the objectives of the self-study are met."*

Q: *What has been the most difficult part of the job so far?*
A: *"With everyone's varied responsibilities, the most difficult task so far is scheduling meetings and meeting with people in a timely and efficient manner."*

Q: *And the easiest part?*
A: *"The easiest and most gratifying aspect has been working with the other members of the Steering Committee, all of whom are broad minded, considerate, focused and committed."*

Ex Corde Ecclesiae: **Examining our Catholic Identity**

Manor Junior College is a Catholic institution of higher learning. What exactly does that mean?

The College's mission states that Manor's primary purpose is to, "provide its students with an education that is based on the Judeo-Christian tradition." The mission further states that, "the ideals and values of this tradition are an integral part of human existence that give purpose and meaning to education and should illuminate every field of study and college life."

So, what is done to see that the mission is met? In 1995, a committee was formed to determine just that -- and to investigate new ways to see that the College's mission is more than just so many words on a page.

Frank Farrell, chairperson of the Committee on Catholic Identity at Manor (left) and Board member Monsignor George Appleyard (right) engaged in conversation following a presentation on St. Basil by the Monsignor.

Ex Corde: **a History**

A commonly asked question in Catholic higher education is: What does it mean to be a Catholic college or university?

According to a memo from Bishop John J. Leiberecht dated August 25, 1995, giving the background and history of Ex Corde, the importance of Catholic higher education to the Church in the United States has been affirmed in many ways. In 1974, a joint committee of U.S. bishops and Catholic college/university presidents was established to provide a forum for support and the exchange of information.

Pope John Paul II spoke at Catholic universities in 1979 and in 1987, voicing his high regard for Catholic higher education. In 1980, bishops in the United States issued a pastoral letter, *Higher Education and the Pastoral Mission of the Church*.

In the introduction of his 1990 Apostolic Constitution on Catholic Higher Education, Pope John Paul II recalled that the historical origin of the university is traced back to the Church. Building on that long-standing relationship between university and Church, the Pope offered his vision of the identity and mission of the Catholic college or university as being Catholic.

Developed after consultation with leadership from Catholic higher education, *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* and its General Norms are, "to be applied concretely at the local and regional levels by episcopal conferences...taking into account the statutes of each university or institute and, as far as possible and appropriate, civil law."

In 1991, the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States, Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, established a committee of seven bishops and 11 consultants, eight of whom were Catholic college and university presidents. The committee's task was to develop a process for implementing Ex Corde Ecclesiae in the United States.

What Manor is Doing

In the fall of 1995, College President Sister Mary Cecilia, OSBM, asked that a committee be drawn from the entire Manor community to evaluate the Catholic Identity of the College. The committee should represent a cross section of the College's faculty and staff, reflecting the many cultural and religious traditions represented.

The committee, chaired by Religious Studies Coordinator Frank Farrell, includes Michael Landis, Learning Center director; Chrystyna Prokopovych, curator of the Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center; Joanna Seemiller, Business Division chairperson; Math Coordinator Jane Zegestowsky; Financial Aid Director Doris Topolski; and Lois Berman, bursar.

Meeting approximately three times a semester, the committee evaluates the programs and activities offered at Manor, suggesting to our president activities that the school might sponsor to heighten the Manor community's awareness of the College's Catholic identity and the relationship of this identity to actualization of the College's mission statement.

During the fall of 1995, the committee began a general evaluation of the college as to its Catholic identity. Some specific ideas as to how to promote that identity include: the development of a Manor Community Prayer Book, the development of a Founders Day celebration to run in conjunction with Manor's 50th anniversary in 1997, the development of an award to be presented at Founders Day, and a request that an analysis of ways in which Manor could further interact with the Ukrainian and Roman churches in the area.

The committee hopes to participate in the Philadelphia Inter Collegiate Mission Consortium to be held at Neumann College on April 19, 1996. This conference will allow participants to focus on the mission of their own school as well as provide an invitation to share in the Catholic mission of each of the institutions. ●

A college on the rise:
Manor College is growing -- academically...

New **programs**

Although Manor did not increase tuition for the 1995-1996 academic year, the College did increase the number of programs of study it offers.

Developed and approved during the 1994-'95 fiscal year were three significant new academic programs -- Health Care Management, Business Administration/ Computer Science and Dental Hygiene.

Health Care Management

With many market experts expecting the health care field to be one of the fastest growing over the next decade, Manor could not have timed the implementation of its new Health Care Management program any better. The College began accepting students into the program for the fall 1995 semester.

A two-year course of study requiring 62 credit hours, Manor's program leads to an Associate in Science degree and includes in its curriculum such courses as Computer Applications for the Medical Office, Health Care Law & Ethics and Medical Sociology.

Designed to prepare students for non-clinical, entry-level positions within the expanding health care industry, the program also includes Liberal Arts coursework, providing a background that will allow for a smooth transition to a four-year institution for those wishing to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in this field.

Business Administration/ Computer Sciences

Manor's Business Administration/ Computer Sciences program is a two-year course of study requiring 62-65 credit hours, culminating in an Associate in Science degree.

The program provides students with a liberal arts and business background, coupled with a strong foundation of programming concepts and computer skills.

In addition to preparing students for entry-level positions as junior programmers or personal computer support staff, Manor provides the student with a sound foundation for pursuing further studies toward a Baccalaureate degree in either Computer Sciences or Business Administration.

With the first class of students accepted in the fall 1995 semester, the program includes in its curriculum courses such as Database Management, Microcomputer Applications for Business I & II and Programming.

Dental Hygiene

With over 400 names of interested parties already on record in Manor's Admissions office as of January, 1996, the College's new Dental Hygiene Program promises to be at least as successful as the already existing Expanded Functions Dental Assisting (EFDA) Program.

With the first class of students scheduled to be accepted into the program for the fall, 1996 semester, Manor's two-and-a-half year/six semester Dental Hygiene program will provide comprehensive technical training along with a liberal arts curriculum.

Students will receive technical training at dental health care facilities affiliated with Manor Junior College and at Manor's state-of-the-art Dental Health Center, where over 2,000 patients from the surrounding community are treated each year.

Special attention to small class size and personalized instruction from Manor's dedicated faculty distinguishes Manor's program, preparing dental hygiene students, academically and clinically, to take regional and national board exams.

Manor's dental hygiene students will also have the option of, upon completion of their program, enrolling in an abridged EFDA program. Completion of the five-credit course will allow students to take the EFDA Certification Exam, thereby, upon passage of the exam, becoming a licensed EFDA as well. ●

Meet our **Dental Hygiene Program Director**

Virginia Saunders is the Director of Manor's Dental Hygiene Program.

Q: What differentiates Manor's program from others offered in the state?

A: "Our program will offer relatively small class sizes. Classes will be more personalized, with a smaller student/teacher ratio. We also offer the EFDA option (explained below)."

Q: Anything else about the program that you are particularly excited about?

A: "We're currently negotiating an affiliation with Temple, whereby our students would have the opportunity to work in a great dental school environment and gain first hand knowledge on all areas of dentistry. If it works out, that will be exciting."

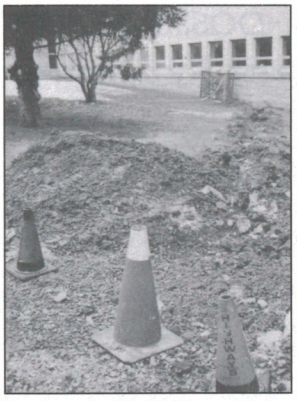
Q: What has been the most gratifying aspect for you in getting this program off the ground?

A: "Being in a position to network and work with the other hygiene directors and faculty at other programs throughout the state -- exchanging ideas and swapping information -- has been exciting. It's been a real growing experience."

...and physically...

Capital **Improvements**

◀ *Workers from* J. Galligan & Sons *braved the heat of the early spring and summer months to install a new air conditioning system in the Basileiad Library Building while* Culbertson *installed a new roof. Pictured left on the ground are the air conditioning units prior to installation.*

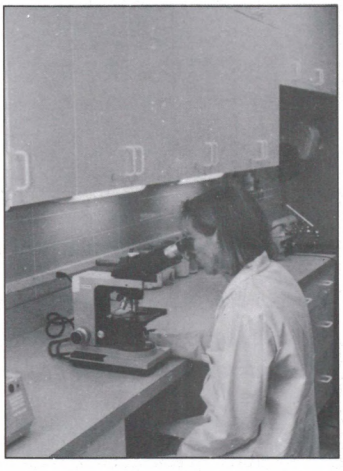


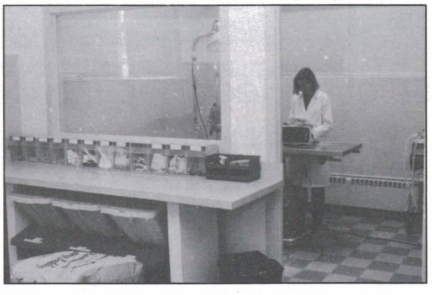
▲*Workers from Bell Atlantic braved the cold and frozen ground of January to lay the lines for Manor's new, state-of-the-art phone system: the Bell Atlantic Meridian Norstar Plus XL system. Pictured above, left, a phone line ditch leading into the Basiliad Library Building, and, pictured above right, Manor College Receptionist Anne Kiczula juggles her bank of new extensions, seen here sitting on her desk.*

▲ *Manor's Network Manager, Terry Greene, oversaw the rennovations and upgrades to the College's two computer labs.*

The old 286 computers were replaced with 486DX66 computers, enabling them to process data five times faster. The network wiring was upgraded to operate up to 50 times faster than the old cable, increasing the speed with which the computers can communicate with the file server and a new faster, larger file server was added. Also, a new HP Laser 5 printer was added to the network.

Windows software was added to the network, with Windows programs such as Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint. A state-of-the-art backup system was installed to protect against disasters, along with antivirus software. The combination of the above upgrades will enable Manor to run state-of-the-art applications, thereby making the College more competitive with other institutions.





▲ *The Veterinary Technology lab underwent a total renovation, complete with new wall-to-wall counter and laboratory cabinets; a new scrub area; a separate, observable animal surgery suite; retractable grooming apparatu; a scavenger pump system for anesthesia exhaust; lighting and drop ceiling additions and a new paint job. Veterinary Technology Program Director Joanna Bassert is seen (above left) with the new cabinets and (above right) in the observable surgery suite.*

Other improvements made on-campus include a complete upgrade to the Learning Center, with new heating units and a paint job added; new wall clocks in all of the classrooms in the Academic Building; a new classroom added to part of the Library; a new roof on the Basiliad Library Building; new shower stalls in the dorms; the repainting of at least 20 dorm rooms; handicap bathroom facilities added; and the installation of energy saving lights in the library.

An annual rite-of-passage: **Commencement Exercises, 1995**

One hundred nine students turned a page on May 11, during the College's 47th Annual Commencement Exercises, making the transition from Manor students to Manor alumni.

Of the graduates, 22 received Associate of Arts degrees and 83 were awarded Associate of Science degrees, while three students received Diplomas and one student received a Certificate of Completion.

But before the Class of '95 could move on, College President Sister Mary Cecilia, OSBM, had some words of wisdom -- and a challenge -- to impart.

"We have become a fearful people," said Sister Mary Cecilia, OSBM, in a particularly pointed, and poignant, speech. "We are afraid of being mugged, of losing our jobs, of getting cancer. We were not always that way," she reminded the capacity crowd in the Mother of Perpetual Help Hall.

"The challenge is to go beyond our fears to the core of our being where there is hope and love," Sister Cecilia said. "You can overcome anything. Go forth from Manor to touch the world."

Beloved Teached **Honored**

Learning Center Director John Boyd retired this year, but not before the Manor College community could show its appreciation by announcing his nomination for the Outstanding Service to Developmental Students Award during the graduation ceremonies on May 11.

Numerous letters from Manor alumni, as well as faculty and staff, led to Boyd's nomination for this nationally held award, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators.

John Boyd joined the Manor College community in 1985 when he came on board as the director of a Learning Center that did not yet exist, but which he created.

"He developed Manor's Learning Center from nothing," said Jane L. Gee, director of Manor's English as a Second Language Program. "Under his guidance, it has grown from a converted locker room to a fully equipped resource center."

Besides giving the Learning Center its physical life, John gave it its heart and soul.

"I have often had the opportunity to observe how John manages the Center," said Perky Cohen, an adjunct English professor at Manor. "The room is frequently a hub of frantic students trying to get the computers to respond, each student wanting John's immediate attention. Amazingly, John finds time to calmly help each person.

"There seems to be a pervasive, calm industriousness in the Learning Center whenever John is present," Cohen said.

"John has a great sense of humor that lightens up the teacher/student relationship," said Academic Dean Sally Mydlowec. "Students thrive on that non-threatening atmosphere."

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Graduation Speaker **Poses Challenge**

Be people who care; people who believe.

That was the challenge presented to 109 Manor graduates by guest speaker, Sister Mary Scullion, RSM, during the 47th Annual Commencement Exercises.

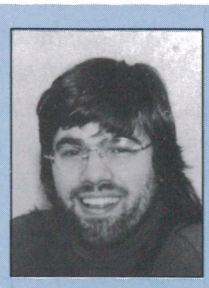
Advising the group that they are about to embark on,"a journey into a world that values a person by his or her productivity alone; a society where spiritual values have almost vanished." Sister Mary Scullion prevailed on the graduates to be "people of vision" who will make a difference.

Known throughout the area for her humanitarian efforts, Sister Mary Scullion has been involved in service work and advocacy for homeless and mentally ill persons since 1978.

Having co-founded Women of Hope in 1985, she also helped found the Outreach Coordination Center in 1988, an innovative program coordinating private and public agencies, doing outreach to the homeless in Center City Philadelphia.

In 1988, Sister Mary Scullion helped start Project HOME (Housing, Opportunities, Medical Care, Education), providing residential and rehabilitative services to the homeless.

Meet our new **Learning Center Director**



While 1995 saw the retirement of John Boyd, our original Learning Center Director, it also saw the arrival of Michael Landis, our new Learning Center Director.

Q: *Any immediate plans for the LC?*
A: *"To attain more computers and computer tutorials and to make the physical space more conducive to study."*

Q: *What is your greatest challenge in making the LC a viable resource for students?*
A: *"Getting a broader student population to come in -- students with needs on all different levels."*

Q: *What is you greatest pleasure in your position?*
A: *"Of course, working with the students -- they always give you such a fresh perpective on things."*

Fund-raising through dinner, dance & auction: **The 1995 Springtime Gala**

Some 200 members of the Manor College community were treated to an elegant evening of dinner, dancing and a live auction at the 6th Annual Springtime Gala on April 22 at the rustic Huntingdon Valley Country Club.

Gala Master of Ceremonies and CPA member Ed Biagas with his wife, Lillie.

Faculty, staff, administration, Board of Trustee members, CPA members, friends of the College and alumni attended one of the College's major fund-raising events of the year on a beautiful spring day.

Following a cocktail hour, which afforded attendees time to enjoy the scenic view from the Club's veranda or browse through the 30 auction packages on display, guests dined on prime rib or salmon in the Club's ample dining room.

Madeline Seltzer, chairperson of Manor's Liberal Arts Division, seems to be enjoying the Gala with her husband, Alvin.

Presided over by Master of Ceremonies Edwin Biagas, a member of the College's CPA, this year's event was a financial success, with revenues collected from the sales of a trip raffle, the BIG RAFFLE and the auction. These proceeds will be used to defray the cost of the College's Library Computerization Project.

With the furious pace only a professional auctioneer can inspire, Gala guests this year participated in a live auction. Some 30 packages were available for bidding -- vacation, dining and theatre packages, home furnishings packages, art work, hobby and handy-man items and sports and concert packages.

Guests also took a chance on the trip raffle -- airline tickets to anywhere in the continental U.S. -- and the BIG RAFFLE. With the best odds in town, for $50 risk-takers had seven chances in 200 to win a cash prize, including the grand prize of $2,500.

Plans are already underway for next year's event, scheduled for Friday, April 19, 1996. The 7th Annual Springtime Gala returns to Spring Mill Country Club in 1996 and will again feature the music of *No Assembly Required* and a live auction. We already have some great items to auction off that evening, and invitations are being sent, so maybe we'll see you on the 19th! ●

Manor **Sports**

The 1994-95 year in Manor sports saw exciting seasons from the women's volleyball and basketball teams, as well as the men's soccer and basketball teams.

With an 8-3 season record, the Lady Jays volleyball team, coached by Kristina Heany and Eugene Soltys, placed second in the Southern Division and went to the state play-offs, where they lost in the first round. All-tournament players were Andrea Jackson, who earned a volleyball scholarship to Division I University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, and Annette Fatiga, who currently plays volleyball at Notre Dame College of Ohio.

With only six players, the Lady Jays '94-'95 basketball team stayed competitive all season, missing the playoffs by one game due to player injury.

The '94-'95 men's soccer team, coached by Rich Crowley, also had an eventful year, winding up the season with three wins, five losses and 2 ties.

The Bluejays missed going to the EPCC playoffs by one game -- a heartbreaker against Penn College of Williamsport in the last game of the season -- won by Penn College 1-0 in overtime.

Outstanding players for the team, which finished in fifth place, were MVP Kris McKinley and Hector Pacheco.

The men's basketball team had a competitive year, finishing up the season with an 8-8 league record and a 9-9 overall record.

Outstanding players included Mark Cunningham, who was named Second Team All-Conference and the Sam Corzen Player of the Year for Junior Colleges. Quinten Jones was awarded the Sam Corzen Player of the Week. ●

The '94-'95 women's volleyball team: (l. to r., back row) Head Coach Kristina Heany, Annette Fatiga, Bernadette Esteves, Stacy Hartung, Jennifer Nebinger, LaRica Grant, Lauren Thompson, Melissa Allmond, Shannon Black and asst. coach Eugene Soltys. (Front row) Jen Stock, Andrea Jackson and Lisa Marks.

Preserving our roots: The Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center

The on-campus Ukrainian Heritage Studies Center, overseen by Director Sister Francis Walchonsky, OSBM, and Curator Chrystyna Prokopovych, has for nearly two decades provided education and information for Ukrainians and non-Ukrainians about the culture and folk art.

Established in 1977, the UHSC is charged with preserving and promoting Ukrainian culture, specifically the folk art; promoting Ukrainian values, cultural heritage and traditions; stimulating the growth of Ukrainian community life in the United States and fostering an ethnic consciousness among Ukrainian Americans through educational and cultural programs.

Special **Features**

The Folk Art Museum

The UHSC museum collection houses Ukrainian folk art and unique examples of authentic traditional dress from various regions of Ukraine.

In addition, there are a number of master craftsmen who work with the museum through exhibits and demonstrations of their particular skills in leathercraft, beadwork, weaving, pottery, embroidery, pysanky making, ritual beads, ceramics and wood carving.

These master craftsmen conduct workshops in their crafts, assist in the preparation of educational research materials, participate in numerous educational outreach exhibits and are involved with various publications that bring their talents to others.

Under the Outreach Program, traveling exhibits and demonstrations are provided to area grade school and high school students as well as community groups such as the Girl Scouts and the Kiwanis Club.

The Ukrainian Library

The UHSC Ukrainian Library houses over 5,000 volumes and is used by students, parents and professionals who make use of the extensive library collection for their research projects.

Librarian Anna Maksymowych also maintains the UHSC's Ukrainian Archives, which contain many rare books and artifacts.

Special **Events**

The Ukrainian Festival

The UHSC annually sponsors a Ukrainian Festival on Manor's campus, turning the College's parking lot into something of a fairground. The Festival highlights the Ukrainian culture, art and traditions through master craftsman demonstrations and exhibits and performances by authentic Ukrainian vocal groups and dance troupes.

The 1995 Festival, held October 1, saw such groups as Lvivyany, a male choral group straight from Ukraine; the Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble; the Vesna Dance Ensemble; the Soloveyky Children's Vocal Ensemble and vocalist and bandura player Olya Chodoba-Fryz performing for nearly 4,000 guests who came to Manor to be entertained, educated and to have all the pyrohy and kowbasa they could eat!

The UHSC team: (l. to r.) Director Sr. Marie Francis, OSBM; Curator Chrystyna Prokopovych and Librarian Anna Maksymowych.

Ukrainian Easter Expo

Another example of a UHSC sponosored event that educates the public on Ukrainian ways, the annual Easter Expo provides an opportunity for visitors to view the traditional and unique folk art of making pysanky. Always well received, the event also features demonstrations of pysanky making, the opportunity to learn the art and to purchase finished products. ●

This letter, dated March 24, 1995, was written to UHSC Curator Chrystyna Prokopovych following one of her field trips to Medford Memorial Middle School. The letter is printed exactly as it was wrtitten.

Dear Mrs. Prokopovych,

Thank you for coming to our class and spending your whole day teaching us about the Ukraine.

First of all, I thought the Ukraine and Russia were all the same in every way. Boy was I wrong. I thought everyone over there spoke Russian. Now I even found out that one place is in Europe and one was in Asia! When those people were dancing in the video, I was amazed that they were not only having fun, but practicing martial arts. Two customs from two different countries were brought together in one form of entertainment.

I also enjoyed learning how those eggs were made. It must be hard to make those eggs without making any mistakes on the drawings.

I appreciated your thoughtfulness. I really enjoyed the presentation. I wish you come back next year to teach the newcomers about the Ukraine. Well, my letters getting long so good buy!

Thank you,
Taylor Kingsbury

Surpassing expectations: **Student Feature**

In the Chinese language, the word "cong" (pronounced *tsong*) means smart.

Now, imagine moving to China, knowing none of the language, and within three years being accepted to one of the country's top business schools. That person would need to be smart, or more appropriately, "cong."

So is the case for the aptly named Congcong Wang, the Manor Junior College student who, in the spring 1996 semester, began attending the Wharton School of Business as an accounting student — less than three years after she arrived in this country without knowing a word of english.

Named by her grandfather, who must have had a premonition regarding the eventual intelligence level of his granddaughter, Congcong moved from her birthplace of Haerbing to the seaside city of Dalian when she was 19-years-old to attend the police academy.

Upon graduation from the academy, she moved to Shenyang where she was a police officer for seven years before ending her law enforcement career in 1990, soon after Tianenmen Square.

Although she was far removed from the events surrounding Tianenmen Square (Shenyang is 12 hours away from Beijing by train) the event left her feeling uncomfortable in the uniform.

"After that (Tianenmen Square) I thought, 'For China to have a good future, we need to improve economically,' and that's when I decided to pursue economics as a career," she said.

After getting her feet wet working at a bank for the next two years, Congcong came to the United States, convinced, ironically, by a 1993 Manor Junior College student, Ping Ye, a friend of the family already living in the States.

"Ping Ye told me that foreign students were made to feel very comfortable studying at Manor," she said.

She moved to Washington D.C. to live with her grandmother and her brother, who was attending Georgetown Law School after having attained a Masters degree in biology from Harvard.

Knowing no english upon her arrival to this country, Congcong first followed a friend

Current Wharton student Congcong Wang hopes to do "something big" in her future. She takes her experiences at Manor with her.

to the University of Kansas, where she understood there to be a special program for foreign students to study english.

After one semester, she returned to Washington D.C.

"At Kansas, I had to take english courses before I could take courses for my major," she explained.

"I didn't want to spend years studying english before I could move on to accounting courses," she said. "I'm getting too old to wait that long."

It was in her accounting courses, which she was able to take at Manor, where she really learned the english language.

"I took an English as a Second Language course at Manor, which did help," she said, "but I really learned english in the classes I took for my major.

"I was forced to learn the language more quickly," she said. "And the teachers were so patient and understanding. I could always ask if I didn't understand and they would take the time to explain right then and there, instead of after class or some other time as I had experienced in the past."

Having worked part time as a cashier at the Texaco Express Lube in Willow Grove and part time at the computer lab on campus, Congcong left Manor after the fall '95 semester, after only three semesters of a four semester program, with a 4.0 grade point average.

"I would love to graduate from Manor," she said "but I'm getting older and I need to save time."

With Wharton accepting her credits from Manor, Congcong will complete her program at Wharton within two and one half years.

"I'll try to graduate from Wharton as soon as possible," she said. "Then maybe I'll go for my Masters."

"Then I'll go back to China," she continued, "to be with the rest of my family."

"I think I'll do something big in the future," she explained. "Maybe own my own business or something — maybe I'll get into international trade. I would just like to make a positive contribution to my country."

While her brother, who now works as a patent lawyer in California, will remain in the U.S., her mother, a pediatrician, and father, a composer of Chinese music, still live in China. She says she looks forward to seeing them as soon as it's feasible.

"But for now I just want to concentrate, study, learn and gain knowledge," she said.

"I found my own potential here in the United States," she said. "I feel confident and it feels good." ●

Annual Report of Giving 1994-1995

The Manorama is proud to recognize those individuals and organizations who made a contribution to Manor Junior College from July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995.

Anyone who made a donation to the College after June 30, 1995, will appear in the next issue of Manorama.

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Donors contributing gifts ranging from $250 to $499 are members of the Macrinian Society. Named for Saint Macrina, who established the first community for the Sisters of Saint Basil the Great, the Macrinian Society is symbolized by the oak leaf.

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Donors contributing between $100 and $249 become members of the Blue & White Club, named for Manor's school colors.

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Development Report

Development Giving saw a dramatic increase in Alumni Giving of 110 percent, thanks in part to an enthusiastic alumni response to the phonathon held last March.

Faculty-Staff giving also showed an increase of over 100 percent, due in part to increased awareness on the part of the faculty and staff as to Manor's fund-raising activities and financial needs. Some members of the College's faculty and staff established scholarships in memory of loved ones.

With solid support from the College's Board of Trustees and Council of President's Associates, Manor was able to install Cartel 486 DX66 computers in both of our computer centers.

Annual Giving, including Gifts-in-Kind and the Carl Perkins Grant, totaled $172,201.09.

Fund-raisers, including the Annual Springtime Gala and the Ukrainian Festival, netted a total of $30,672,64.

Total giving came to $202,873.73.

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